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Figure ²¹~~3~~ is a table of 741 calcium channel antagonists according to the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Biological systems in general are controlled by molecular interactions
5 between bioactive ligands and their receptors, in which the receptor
"recognizes" a molecule or a portion thereof (*i.e.*, a ligand domain) to
produce a biological effect. The voltage-gated Ca^{++} channels are considered
to be pharmacological receptors: they possess specific binding sites for
ligands having agonist and antagonist activities; the binding of ligands to
10 such sites allosterically modulates Ca^{++} flux through the channel; the
channel properties (*i.e.*, gating and ion selectivity) are regulatable; and
various channels are known to associate with G-proteins (D. Rampe and
D.J. Triggle, *Prog. Drug Res.* 40: 191-238 (1993). Accordingly, diseases or
conditions that involve, or are mediated by, Ca^{++} channels can be treated
15 with pharmacologically active ligands that interact with such channels to
initiate, modulate or abrogate transporter activity .

The interaction of a Ca^{++} channel and a Ca^{++} channel-binding ligand
may be described in terms of "affinity" and "specificity". The "affinity" and
"specificity" of any given ligand- Ca^{++} channel interaction is dependent upon
20 the complementarity of molecular binding surfaces and the energetic costs
of complexation (*i.e.*, the net difference in free energy ΔG between bound
and free states). Affinity may be quantified by the equilibrium constant of
complex formation, the ratio of on/off rate constants, and/or by the free
energy of complex formation. Specificity relates to the difference in binding
25 affinity of a ligand for different receptors.

The net free energy of interaction of such ligands with a Ca^{++} channel
is the difference between energetic gains (enthalpy gained through
molecular complementarity and entropy gained through the hydrophobic